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E-I-E-I-O: How Old MacDonald Got His Farm

Sierra, Judy

Illustrated by Matthew Myers.

Somerville: Candlewick, 2014

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Old MacDonald has a farm—but how did he get that farm? This book serves as the prequel to the famous nursery rhyme. ‘Mac’ buys a goat, which eats up all of the grass. He hires the Little Red Hen to solve the problem and while she seems to make matters worse—the yard becomes muddy, full of compost material, and later plants—Mac and the other townspeople eventually realize her plan: she turns Mac’s yard into a farm. This book will hold the attention of all ages with its comedic tone, witty illustrations, and ideal length. Even more, it comments on concerns regarding community, the environment, and gardening principles, and it connects with other famous children’s literature, which makes it an ideal teaching resource for a variety of ages.

[Highly Recommended](#)

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